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W. W. Embury was killed by Thomas C. Thurston, in a saloon in Leavenworth, on New Year's day. These men were printers of a weekly paper in that city. The trouble which resulted in the killing, grew out of a business quarrel—and there was a woman at the bottom of it. Both were disreputable characters; and the world wouldn't have lost much had both of them been killed. Embury is the man who assassinated Col. D. R. Anthony five years ago. He has made several reckless and cowardly attempts at assassination; and during the past five years has waited an opportunity to complete his hellish attempt on the life of the editor of the Leavenworth Times; and during that period has several times insulted and assaulted that gentleman. No wonder Col. Anthony frankly acknowledges a feeling of relief over the death of his pursuer, tormenter and persecutor. Embury had caused the arrest of his partner Thurston, for alleged business crookedness, and it seems both were prepared for the deadly struggle, Embury having attempted an assault on Thurston with a poker; but both men were armed with pistols.

Embury was of part negro blood. He was employed by us about twelve years ago in a printing office in Missouri. He then exhibited traits of character which afterwards developed and have resulted in his violent termination. He was hot tempered and strong in resentment; and we came near once feeling the point of his anger in the shape of a pen-knife.

Thurston bears the reputation of being a new paper pimp and dead-beat, added to the immoral practices of which he is guilty. It is hoped the newspaper field of Leavenworth will not again be disgraced by such a disreputable twain; and that Thurston shall spend his remaining years where, if he can do no good, he can do no harm.

The people of Colorado express one sentiment on the Ute question. The Las Animas Leader says: Mrs. Meeker in a letter to the Chieftain confirms the horrible suspicion lately entertained by the people that during their captivity the persons of the women were violated by the chiefs. Sue says she and her daughter testified to this fact before the commissioners and made no attempt at concealment. It is quite evident that Seabury and the commissioners are responsible for withholding this fact—for what purpose it is not clear, except it were to shield the guilty from the spontaneous vengeance of the outraged citizens of this State.

It seems useless to add comments on the course of the Government in this matter. Its policy has been cowardly and disgraceful in the extreme. The people of this State in the light of what the authorities have done and are proposing to do, need not look in that direction for the punishment of the Ute fiends. Nothing is proposed but delay and talk. The State has been insulted; the army has been humiliated; the safety of life and property is threatened.

What remains to be done but for us of Colorado to provide for our safety? It is time we looked after it, unless we decide to lie still and allow the assassins of White and Grand rivers to cut our throats. We have redress in our own hands, and the word should pass along the line: No quarter to a Ute. We have had enough peace commission, and desire no Indian excursions through the State to Washington. None but Jefferson county justice will suffice us. Our reliance is on the spurred horseman of the plains.

The way to induce a melancholy woman to laugh is to have her front teeth filled with gold. After that nothing can stop her from grinning half the time.

How about wool and sheep; that's what's the matter. You see it pays. We have said so many times; and we shall keep on pointing out the facts. The Kinsey Graphic says: Robert McCann received a check on Wednesday in payment for the wool sheared from his sheep, and lately sold by commission merchants, which netted him the nice little sum of one dollar and fifty cents per head. At his last shearing he sheared four hundred and fifty head. Next summer he will shear between 1200 and 1500 head. The wool is clear profit, the increase more than pays expenses. Mr. McCann says that his sheep are in excellent condition and that he has lost but two head this winter. Without doubt wool growing and sheep raising in this country is a grand success, when proper attention is paid and good care taken of the sheep. They have to be fed but little, the buffalo grass furnishing feed the year round. The only serious trouble is the sudden, violent storms, that are liable to come up any day and chill the sheep before they can be housed in their corrals.

A woman's courage and presence of mind is thus alluded to by the Hays City Sentinel: An incident of last Sunday's prairie fire comes to our knowledge. Mrs. Owens, a lady residing about eight miles north of Hays was left alone at home with two sick children. About ten o'clock at night the fire came roaring down upon her home; and, alone and unaided, she set about saving the house. Wrapping her children in blankets, she carried them to the center of a strip of plowing, and returned to find the fire about the dwelling. At the imminent risk of her life, she started the fight, and, in the expressive language of the country, stood right with it until the last cinder had been extinguished in her doorway, and the fiery torrent had passed on. It was hard work, it was dangerous work; but the brave woman succeeded splendidly. There is something in this little episode of life on the frontier which challenges admiration. That woman and that woman's husband are bound to succeed. She is made of the sterling material.

In Pueblo there are quite a number (entirely too many for comfort in fact) of bogus half and quarter dollars in circulation, says the Chieftain. Several have been shown us in the last few days, and there is a pretty well grounded suspicion that some one in Pueblo is putting them out. They look and feel all right, but won't respond when you ring them. The parties should either quit the business, or put glass enough in to make them ring.

We have received a copy of the Leavenworth Times Almanac for 1880. It is a model of typographic beauty, finely illustrated and contains valuable information. Colonel Anthony says the past year has dealt kindly and gently with him. In the almanac greeting for the new year are united the leading merchants of Leavenworth, who have always recognized the good Kansas newspapers have done our young State. May the Times and its Almanac always flourish.

The Newton Kansan is reliably informed that a new railroad town, with machine shops, is to be established at the Kansas and Colorado State line on the Santa Fe railroad next summer, and that the eating house at Lakin is to be removed to the same. The ground is said to have been already staked off for the purposes, and the intention is to erect repair shops for the western division.

The Chieftain says from present indications the rush to Silver Cliff and other mining camps will commence earlier than usual the present year.

THE MASQUERADE.

The bal masque on New Year's night, in Beatty & Kelley's Opera House, was one of those entertainments in which Dodge City excels. There was a good attendance of people, masked and unmasked; and many of the costumes would have been a credit to a ball in a city of more pretensions than the little city that marks the advance of civilization. These entertainments are of a harmless character, and being the ruling passion, afford a fund of pleasure and recreation to those who delight in tripping the light fantastic pedestal. The most attractive feature in the display of costumes was the personation by Miss Bella Wright, who was attired in a costume made of copies of the DODGE CITY TIMES; neatly and tastefully arranged in a dress after the prevailing fashion. The odd and magnificent costume elicited the admiration of the ball room participants and spectators; and this curiously wrought costume was the work of many laborious hours. We acknowledge the compliment paid the TIMES, and the young lady who graced the TIMES with this honor, has our warmest gratitude. The little red flag was also in the representation of the costumed character; as was also the note book and faber.

We cannot particularize all the costumes (pardon our own vanity) but give the names and characters of those people masked:

Miss Bertha Collins, Castillon or Spanish Lady.
Miss Bella Wright, DODGE CITY TIMES.
Mrs. Ella Chatfield, Ford County Globe.
Miss Brightie Magrane, Flower Girl.
Miss Moore, Girl of the Period.
Miss Hattie Wayland, Full Traveling Dress.
Miss Patterson, Night.
Mrs. M. Collar, Carpenter's Daughter.
Mrs. J. Collar, Syble, or Fortune Teller.
Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Poor little Butter Cup.
Mrs. R. M. Wright, School Girl.
Mrs. I. H. Batchelor, School Girl.
Mrs. H. Vandusen, Pinafore dress, Sailor Girl.
Mrs. S. Marshall, Milk Maid and Fancy Dress.
Mrs. C. Rath, General Housekeeper.
Mrs. A. B. Webster, Blue Domino.
Mrs. G. M. Hoover, Full Opera Dress.
Mrs. C. S. Hungerford, Full Opera Dress.
A. B. Webster, Blue Domino.
H. J. Fringer, Domino Japan.
E. F. Colborn, Lady of Fashion, or Girl of the Period.
L. Shine, Quaker Priest.
H. E. Gryden, Ute Indian.
C. S. Hungerford, Big Pumpkin, or Bally of the Set ool.
E. B. Nichols, Sailor.
S. Marshall, Indian Chief.
M. B. Draper, Uncle Sam's Money Bag.
T. J. Draper, Ralph Rackstraw or H. M. S. Pinafore.
M. Hart, Sailor Boy, Pinafore.
C. H. Lane, Larry Deger.
R. H. Wright, Paddy from Cork, or the Irish Gentleman.
E. N. Wright, the lowliest Tar that plows the water.
A. Worth, Cow Boy.
John C. Hays, Chinaman.
E. W. Evans, Big Indian Chief.
O. H. Tatum, Sailor.

Some of our readers will recollect an account of the hag between Mayor Kelley and a bear, in the Indian Territory, which we described some weeks ago. Joe Mason, of Fort Supply, knowing our Mayor's fondness for Bruin's embraces, has sent him a fine, black bear as a holiday gift. The bear is becoming a great favorite among the many children admirers, who daily throng the bear's quarters in the back yard of Beatty & Kelley's restaurant.

The Kansas statutes provide that "the added day of leap year and the day immediately preceding, if they shall occur in any period so as to be computed shall be reckoned together as one day. This embraces statutes, deeds, verbal or written contracts, and all public or private instruments."